

**ROLLING STOCK USED ON THE COCHIN STATE (METRE GAUGE)
RAILWAY—OWNERSHIP, ETC., OF.**

318. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) to whom did the engines, carriage, and other rolling stock, used on the Cochin State Railway during the metre gauge days, belong;

(b) if they belonged to the Cochin Government, what has been done with them;

(c) if they have been sold, what are the rates at which they have been sold, to whom, and what amount Government realised in the transaction?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): (a) At the time of the conversion a portion of the rolling stock on the Shoranur Cochin Railway (Metre Gauge) was owned by the Government, and the remainder was stock hired from the South Indian Railway Company.

(b) The stock owned by the Government was sold.

(c) Some of the items of stock were sold to the South Indian Railway Company and the rest to private tenderers. The rate for even the same class of vehicles was not uniform, and hence it is not possible to quote the rates. But the total amount credited to Government on this account is Rs. 2,60,604—13—8.

LEPROSY CLINICS—OPENING OF.

319. Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): Will the Government be pleased to

(a) appoint a few leprosy clinics in suitable centres in the State with arrangements for free treatment; and

(b) to organise a course of propaganda lectures in suitable centres regarding the causes for the spread of leprosy, methods of prevention, treatment and other allied topics?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(a) A few more leprosy clinics have been recently opened in suitable centres in addition to the original 9 leper clinics. Everywhere treatment is given free.

(b) Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the hon'ble member be pleased to state whether leprosy clinics sanctioned by the Government for Puthussery and Erumapetty have been introduced?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): We have not been able to get a suitable site for locating it.

MENTAL HOSPITAL, TRICHUR—INCREASE OF STAFF.

320. Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when was the out-patient dispensary opened in the Lunatic Asylum, Trichur;

(b) how many patients have there been each year since then;

(c) how many medical officers are there in the Asylum;

(d) have the Government considered the necessity of increasing the staff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*):

(a) In 1110.

(b)	1110	3352
	1111	8932
	1112	12184
	1113	10975

(c) Two.

(d) Yes. The staff has been increased.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon (*Chittur-Rural*): What is the increase on the staff?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Another Sub-Assistant Surgeon has been added on to the staff.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): May I know whether the doctor in charge of the Government Mental Hospital has undergone training in this work?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): I don't think it is a supplementary question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): What I want to know is whether there is any doctor in charge of the Mental Hospital who is specialised in brain disease?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): A medical graduate is given training during his 5 years' training in the Madras Medical College in this line.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Has the present medical officer in charge undergone that training?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao (*Chief Medical Officer*): Yes.